



Targeted Project

FLOODGUARD 2

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Overview

Project Title / Acronym	Enhancing the capacity for prevention and response in case of floods and subsequent natural disasters and emergencies in the cross-border region / FLOODGUARD 1
Priority Axis	1 - A More Resilient and Greener Greece-Bulgaria Cross-Border Territory
Specific Objective	058. Adaptation to climate change measures and prevention and management of climate related risks: floods and landslides (including awareness raising, civil protection and disaster management systems, infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches)
Total Project Budget	5.781.498,36€
Project duration	36 months
Lead Beneficiary	Fire Safety & Civil Protection Directorate General, Ministry of Interior (Bulgaria)
Project Beneficiary	Hellenic Fire Crops, Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection (Greece)

Brief Description

Aim	Objectives	Outcome
Increase the capacity of first responders to act in floods and related disasters/emergencies in the cross-border region of Greece-Bulgaria. Build on the results of the FLOODGUARD project, funded by the Interreg V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020" programme.	<p>Ensure a timely response to disasters and crises by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> supplying specialized equipment <input type="checkbox"/> conducting joint trainings and exercises <input type="checkbox"/> raising awareness and preparedness in the cross-border region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lower disaster risk and emergency impacts. <input type="checkbox"/> Boost resilience against floods and related disasters/emergencies.

Project outline

Planned Activities

- Completion and equipment of the Training Center (period 2014–2020)
- Delivery of specialized and rescue equipment
- Delivery of equipment for evacuation camps
- Conduction of (4) specialized joint trainings
- Development of training materials and of a program for joint training and field exercises
- Organisation of (6) meetings to unify the procedures and approaches for rapid response to floods
- Identification of suitable evacuation sites in each area of the cross-border area of Bulgaria
- Conduction of (4) trainings for children in Bulgaria
- Conduction of an information campaign among the elderly in Bulgaria
- Promotion & dissemination activities (press conferences, information material)

Main Outputs

- improvement of the education, training and technical capacity of the first responders
- Determined suitable places for evacuation camps in case of different types of major disasters
- The readiness and preparedness of the population in the cross-border area in case of floods and subsequent natural disasters and emergencies

Main Results

- Better and stronger cooperation between the two Project Beneficiaries and the two countries
- Better preparedness of the first responders for immediate and targeted response to disasters & emergencies, limiting the exposure of the population.

Target Groups

- The population of the cross-border region (731.000 persons in the (4) districts in Bulgaria and 1.730.000 persons in the (7) prefectures in Greece)
- The first responders of both countries (new equipment, trainings, field exercises, standard operational procedures and joint intervention plans)
- The local authorities in the (4) districts in Bulgaria (new plans and determine suitable places for evacuation)

Location of Activities

The project is designed to include almost all activities inside the Programme area, which covers 4 districts in Bulgaria and 7 Regional Units in Greece. The only activity that is going to be outside the programme area is the closing conference in Athens.

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